House District 10

Jay Ramras, Republican



DATE OF BIRTH: July 31, 1964

PLACE OF BIRTH: Fairbanks, Alaska

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LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 40 years Fairbanks, Alaska 1964 to present

OCCUPATION: Hotel and restaurant owner

EDUCATION:

Lathrop High School, 1981; Syracuse University, 1984, Bachelor of Arts, American History.

SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:

Chamber of Commerce, CHARR

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Host of Canned Food Day at the Fair; Host of Letter Carrier's Canned Food Drive; Host of Mush for Kids; Alaska Children's Trust; Host of Food Factory & Friends UAF Jazz Festival. I like gardening and planting flowers and I like playing softball.

OTHER

Owner, Jaybird's Wingworld; Food Factory; Pike's Landing; Pike's Waterfront Lodge; Aviator Greenhouse & Sweets.

STATEMENT:

After finishing college, I have been serving Fairbanks at Jaybird's, Food Factory and Pike's. Most recently I have built the Aviator Greenhouse & Sweets, a family ice cream parlor and we are now completing Pike's Park.

At the height of the tourism season I have more than 300 people working in my organization. This represents almost 1% of the FNSB workforce. I'm very proud of my ability to run a large organization and I have never missed a bank payment or a payroll since going into business in 1986.

My political beliefs are simple. More education dollars don't guarantee a better education for our youth; but it's a good bet. No sales tax, no income tax and we should all receive our Permanent Funds forever-lbelieve that we have an allocation crisis, not a fiscal crisis in Alaska. We should take care of our roads, they're a valuable asset of the State. So are State Troopers and Emergency Service workers. I believe the purpose of government is to provide services, not to create jobs. Our military is a great asset. These men and women make great sacrifices to serve our Country.

Finally, I believe that improving our community is the single greatest obligation each of us has. Our faith community, our family community, the charities and service organizations we work with all create a rising tide in our community that lifts all boats.

I love living in Alaska and want to help make it a better place to live.

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